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Redevelopment Board Minutes 9-20, 9-22, and 27, 2004

Arlington Redevelopment Board Minutes
September 20, 22, and 27, 2004

September 20, 2004

Members Present: Ed Tsoi
Barry Faulkner
Nora Mann
Lynne Lowenstein
Roly Cahput

Also Present: Kevin J. O'Brien, Secretary ex officio
Joey Glushko, Planner
Laura Wiener, Planner

The Redevelopment Board convened in the main auditorium of the Robbins Town Hall for the first session of the Special Town Meeting. Full transcription of the Town Meeting is available from the Town Clerk.

Ed Tsoi presented the Board's report on the proposed zoning change to allow the redevelopment of the Symmes Hospital site.

The meeting recessed at 11:00 without a vote on the motion.

September 22, 2004

Members Present: Ed Tsoi
Barry Faulkner
Nora Mann
Lynne Lowenstein
Roly Chaput

Also Present: Kevin J. O'Brien, Secretary ex officio
Laura Wiener, Planner
Joey Glushko, Planner

The Redevelopment Board convened in the main auditorium of the Robbins Town Hall for the second session of the Special Town Meeting.

Discussion of the proposed zoning change, Article 2 continued.

The session recessed at 11:00 p.m. without a vote on the article.

September 27, 2004

Members Present: Ed Tsoi
Nora Man
Lynne Lowenstein

Roly Chaput

Also Present: Kevin O'Brien, Secretary ex officio
Laura Wiener, Planner (arrived at 8:00)
Joey Glushko, Planner (arrived at 8:00)

The Redevelopment Board convened in the main auditorium of the Robbins Town Hall. Ed Tsoi introduced a discussion about a resolution that the Town Meeting could be asked to pass. It would say that if the site of the medical office building could not be developed as a medical office, the ARB would come back to the Town Meeting for approval of any other use. Lynne Lowenstein moved and Roland Chaput seconded that the ARB ask Town Meeting to pass the resolution. The Board voted 3 to 0 in favor with Nora Mann abstaining.

The Board then discussed an amendment to Article 2 that Pat Worden was planning to introduce to Town Meeting. The amendment proposed that the description of the proposed zoning district include language that said a significant medical use is required. Nora Mann expressed concern that the language was bad legislation, but the Board in general felt that it expressed the desires of the Board as well as of the Town Meeting. Accordingly Nora Mann moved and Lynne Lowenstein seconded a motion to support the amendment that Pat Worden intended to introduce. The Board voted 4 to 0 in favor.

Lee Ellis joined the meeting to discuss his desire to ask the Town Meeting to postpone the decision for a short time. The Board expressed that any postponement would damage the proposal and gain little if anything for the Town. The ARB recessed at 7:25 to join the third session of the Special Town Meeting.

Early in the Town Meeting, Brian Rehrig introduced the amendment proposed by Pat Worden and shortly thereafter the proposed zoning amendment passed by a vote of 176 to 22. The Town Meeting dealt with the other articles on the warrant and adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Kevin O'Brien